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Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 25th and 28th meetings, on 17 and 23 December 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.25 and 28).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/63/535);

(b) Progress report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/63/544);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/606).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.19

4. At its 28th meeting, on 23 December 2008, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur" (A/C.5/63/L.19), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Iceland.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.19 without a vote (see para. 6 below).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur[1,2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[1]

Progress report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

3. *Also takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;[2]

4. *Reaffirms* the provisions of paragraph 15 of its resolution 62/232 B of 20 June 2008;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

5. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 449,855,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2009, in accordance with the updated levels approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009 as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, in addition to the amount of 919,400,200 dollars already apportioned among Member States under the terms of resolution 62/232 B, comprising the amount of 849,855,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2008, the amount of 60,624,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, and the amount of 8,920,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

6. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the

[1] A/63/535.
[2] A/63/544.
[3] A/63/606.

apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 6,373,050 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2009;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, upon the advice of the Controller, to assess on Member States, as required, a further amount of up to 200,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2009;

8. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 225,443,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, shall, on an exceptional basis, and in the light of the submission of a progress report during the budget period, be offset against either their apportionment as provided for in paragraph 5 above or the apportionment for the Operation effective for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, according to the preference of the relevant Member State, in accordance with the updated levels approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237, and requests the Secretary-General to implement such an approach;

9. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 225,443,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Further decides* that the decrease of 4,687,900 dollars in staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 225,443,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above;

11. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".